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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN INTEREST IN
URUGUAYAN DEVELOPMENTS

EYES ONLY AMBASSADOR BUENOS AIRES, CHARGES BRASILIA,
MONTEVIDEO

FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HURWITCH

1. WHILE WE AGREE WITH TENOR OF EMBASSY REPORTING THAT
THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY WILL RETAIN CONTROL IN URUGUAY
FOR THE TIME BEING, AND WILL KEEP BORDABERRY AS PRESIDENT,
NONETHELESS MANY INSTITUTIONS ARE ERODING AND SOME
ELEMENTS FORMERLY CONTRIBUTING TO STABILITY ARE DISBANDED
OR BECOMING DISORGANIZED. IF SITUATION IN URUGUAY SHOULD
BECOME MUCH FURTHER UNRAVELLED, THAT COUNTRY MIGHT
ATTRACT BRAZILIAN OR ARGENTINE MEDDLING. QUITE
OBVIOUSLY GOB WOULD NOT WELCOME FURTHER SIGNIFICANT
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DETERIORATION IN POLITICAL SITUATION IN URUGUAY.
ARGENTINA MIGHT WISH TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM ITS OWN
DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. WE NOTE THAT ARGENTINA
HAS BECOME A HAVEN FOR POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM URUGUAY

AND THAT AT THE SAME TIME PRESIDENT BORDABERRY, IN
PUBLIC STATEMENT, INTIMATED, AS HE HAS IN THE PAST,
A TENDENCY TO LEAN TOWARD BRAZIL.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSIES BUENOS AIRES
AND BRASILIA SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ALERT TO SIGNS
INDICATING ACTIVITY, OVERT OR COVERT, ON PART OF GOA
AND GOB RELATING TO URUGUAY, AND OF COURSE KEEP US
AND EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO ADVISED. NO INQUIRIES OF HOST
GOVERNMENTS ARE REQUESTED AT THIS TIME. RUSH

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